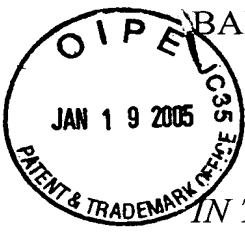


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Sir:

Pursuant to the Office Action mailed December 14, 2004, Applicant attaches herewith a copy of FMVSS 213 and FMVSS 225.

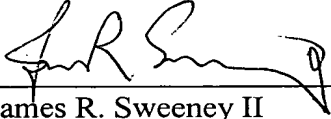
Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that this application be passed to issue. This submission is thought to be timely without any need for an extension of time; however, if any such extension of time is needed, Applicant respectfully requests that this submission be considered as a petition for extension of time sufficient to render this submission timely. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due in connection with this submission, other than issue fees, and to credit any overpayments which may be due to the undersigned counsel's deposit account 10-0435 with reference to our file 2835-73549.

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Applicants ask that the Examiner contact Applicants' counsel James R. Sweeney II (317-231-7771) should the Examiner have any further questions after review of the present amendment.

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